

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A micromechanical resonator device having at least one mode
2 shape, the device comprising:
3 a substrate; and
4 a disk-shaped resonator disposed above the substrate and having at
5 least one nodal point.
- 1 2. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a support
2 structure anchored to the substrate to support the resonator at the at least one nodal
3 point above the substrate wherein both the resonator and the support structure are
4 dimensioned and positioned relative to one another so that the resonator is
5 substantially isolated during vibration thereof wherein energy losses to the substrate
6 are substantially eliminated and wherein the resonator device is a high-Q resonator
7 device.
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- 1 3. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the at least one
2 mode shape includes a radial-contour mode shape.
- 1 4. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the at least one
2 mode shape includes a flexural mode shape.
- 1 5. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a drive
2 electrode structure formed on the substrate at a position to allow electrostatic
3 excitation of the resonator so that the resonator is driven in the at least one mode
4 shape and wherein the resonator and the drive electrode structure define a capacitive
5 gap therebetween.
- 1 6. The device as claimed in claim 5 wherein the drive electrode
2 structure is disposed about a periphery of the resonator and wherein the at least one
3 mode shape includes a radial-contour mode shape.

1 7. The device as claimed in claim 5 wherein the capacitive gap
2 is a sub-micron, lateral, capacitive gap.

1 8. The device as claimed in claim 6 wherein the drive electrode
2 structure includes a plurality of split electrodes.

1 9. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the at least one
2 nodal point corresponds to a center of the resonator.

1 10. The device as claimed in claim 9 wherein the support structure
2 is a single anchor positioned at the center of the resonator.

1 11. The device as claimed in claim 5 further comprising a sense
2 electrode structure formed on the substrate at a position to sense output current
3 based on motion of the resonator.

1 12. The device as claimed in claim 11 wherein the drive electrode
2 structure includes a plurality of separate input drive electrodes and the sense
3 electrode structure includes a plurality of separate output sense electrodes.

1 13. The device as claimed in claim 5 wherein the drive electrode
2 structure is positioned beneath the resonator and wherein the at least one mode shape
3 includes a flexural mode shape.

1 14. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the device is
2 diamond-based.

1 15. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the device is silicon-
2 based.

1 16. A micromechanical device comprising:
2 a substrate;

3 a disk-shaped input resonator disposed above the substrate and having
4 at least one nodal point; and

5 a disk-shaped output resonator disposed above the substrate and
6 coupled to the input resonator and having at least one nodal point.

1 17. The device as claimed in claim 16 further comprising support
2 structures anchored to the substrate to support the input and output resonators at
3 their respective nodal points above the substrate.

1 18. The device as claimed in claim 16 further comprising an
2 intermediate resonator disposed above the substrate and coupled to the input and
3 output resonators and having at least one nodal point.

1 19. The device as claimed in claim 16 wherein the
2 micromechanical device is a filter.

1 20. The device as claimed in claim 16 wherein the resonators are
2 mechanically coupled together.

1 21. The device as claimed in claim 20 wherein the device is a
2 bandpass filter.

1 22. The device as claimed in claim 16 wherein the resonators are
2 electrically coupled together.

1 23. The device as claimed in claim 22 wherein the device is an
2 integrable filter.

1 24. The device as claimed in claim 20 further comprising a
2 coupling spring for mechanically coupling the resonators together.

1 25. The device as claimed in claim 16 further comprising a drive
2 electrode structure formed on the substrate at a position to allow electrostatic

3 excitation of the input resonator and a sense electrode structure formed on the
4 substrate at a position to sense output current based on motion of the output
5 resonator.

1 26. The device as claimed in claim 18 further comprising a drive
2 electrode structure formed on the substrate at a position to allow electrostatic
3 excitation of the input resonator, a sense electrode structure formed on the substrate
4 at a position to sense output current based on motion of the output resonator and an
5 intermediate electrode structure formed on the substrate at a position for enhanced
6 access to a response of the device.

1 27. The device as claimed in claim 18 further comprising a non-
2 adjacent coupler for mechanically coupling the input resonator to the output
3 resonator wherein the device is a bridged filter.

1 28. The device as claimed in claim 16 wherein the device is a
2 mixer.

1 29. The device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the resonator has
2 at least one anti-nodal portion where the resonator experiences the most
3 displacement when driven and wherein the device further comprises sensing means
4 for sensing motion of the anti-nodal portion.

1 30. The device as claimed in claim 29 wherein the sensing means
2 includes at least one projection projecting from the anti-nodal portion to move
3 therewith and means coupled to the at least one projection to provide an output
4 representation of motion of the anti-nodal portion.

1 31. The device as claimed in claim 30 wherein the means includes
2 at least one electrode structure.

1 32. The device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a single
2 electrode structure formed on the substrate at a position to allow electrostatic

- 3 excitation of the resonator and to sense output current based on motion of the
- 4 resonator.